

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-14

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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0282

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY SAIGON PRIORITY

AMCONSUL HONG KONG PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, LA, AFSP

SUBJECT: ROYAL AIR LAO

1. U.S. MISSION IS DISCOURAGING TRAVEL ABOARD ROYAL AIR LAO  
4-ENGINED BOEING 307 REPEAT 307 BUILT IN 1934 BECAUSE OF INSUFFI-  
CIENT CONFIDENCE IN CREDENTIALS OF AIRCRAFT CREW, AGE OF AIRFRAME,  
UNPROVEN MAINTENANCE RECORD, AND LACK OF APPROPRIATE AVIONICS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING PROSPECTIVE TRAVELERS THAT  
RAL NOW USING BOEING 307 AS INTERIM EQUIPMENT UNTIL TWO OR  
THREE EX-AIR MADAGASCAR DC-4'S ARRIVE IN VIENTIANE IN EARLY  
SEPTEMBER, AND U.S. MISSION WOULD LIKE ALL KNOWN TRAVELERS TO  
BE INFORMED THAT WE CONSIDER USAGE OF THE BOEING 307 TO BE  
VERY RISKY.

3. THAI AIRWAYS WHICH OPERATES BETWEEN BANGKOK AND VIENTIANE  
IS RECOMMENDED INSTEAD. WE WILL ADVISE WHEN DC-4'S COMMENCE  
FYING.

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